

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A user verification system and method for use in a
multimedia-capable network wherein access to controlled
facilities such as, e.g, corporate or enterprise
10 networks, home networks, physical locations, access-
controlled services, and the like, is verified using
multimedia response criteria. When an indication
signifying that a user is attempting to access the
controlled facility is received in a network element, a
15 multimedia session engine is invoked for launching an
access service application. Responsive to an
interrogation procedure, multimedia responses associated
with the user are captured and verified against a stored
access control profile. Access to the controlled
facility is granted only when the responses are
validated.